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# McKinney Emergency Shelter Grant Program

## *Fact Sheet*

The McKinney Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) program is designed to improve the quality of existing homelessness prevention programs.

The Division of Neighborhood Services is responsible for planning, implementing and monitoring the delivery of federal and state antipoverty, neighborhood economic development, homelessness prevention, fuel assistance and weatherization programs across the Commonwealth, working in cooperation with the federal government, other state agencies, local and regional non-profits and the private sector.

**How it works** Services available through a statewide network of housing and service providers to prevent the incidence of homelessness include, but are not limited to:

- short-term subsidies to defray rent and utility arrearages for families that have received eviction or utility shut-off notice;
- security deposits for first month's rent to permit a homeless family to move into their own housing unit;
- mediation programs to resolve landlord-tenant disputes;
- assistance to prevent foreclosure; and,
- other services and activities that prevent homelessness.

### **Who is eligible**

Nonprofit entities established under M.G.L. c. 180, and 501(c)(3) of the United States Revenue Code to provide emergency shelter and homelessness prevention assistance to low-income families and individuals.

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**Application  
process**

Annual competitive grant application process.

**For more  
information**

For more information please contact the Division of Neighborhood Services at (617)727-7004 or (800)635-8175.